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We Invite you to
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The Lord's Day

Saturday Evening

5:30 pm

Sunday Morning

7:30, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Weekdays

9:00 am

Saturday Morning

9:00 am (*Novena*)

Holy Day Eve

5:30 pm (*Church*)

Holy Days

6:30 am & 12:05 pm (*Chapel*)



Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples should make arrangements with one of the priests one year in advance of the wedding date.

Sacrament of Baptism

The Parish Community celebrates Baptisms on all Sundays of the month at 12:00 pm. One preparation session is required for first time parents. Parents should register by calling the Parish Office after the child's birth.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of the Lord's Forgiveness is celebrated Saturday afternoons at 5:00 pm. Other times for Reconciliation are announced in the bulletin, and by making an appointment with one of the priests.

Sacrament of the Sick

The Parish Community celebrates this Sacrament at a Special Liturgy during the year or at home anytime.



Religious Formation

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Mass Calendar for the Week

July 21st, 2019

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday July 20th – St. Apollinaris and BVM

5:30 PM Joseph Leana (44th An)
Anita White
Ted Heiart (3rd An)

Sunday July 21st – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Joseph M. Peterson
9:30 AM Mary & George Gurchak
Paula Cubeta
Paul & Pauline Oravetz
11:00 AM Dolores Williams
William J. Nolte

Monday July 22nd – St. Mary Magdalene

9:00 AM Margaret & Louis Schuler

Tuesday July 23rd – St. Bridget

9:00 AM Mary Pilipie (19th An)

Wednesday July 24th – St. Sharbel Makhluf

9:00 AM Deceased of the Parish

Thursday July 25th – St. James

9:00 AM Michael P. Santora (1st An)

Friday July 26th – Sts. Joachim and Anne

9:00 AM Arnold George (4th An)

Saturday July 27th – Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM
5:30 PM John Konesny
Pat Ranft
Anita White



Last Week's Collection 7/13-14

This Year \$6,816.00

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Find Mass Times when Away

Traveling this summer? An easy way to find Mass wherever you may be in the U.S. is to check out www.masstimes.org or use their handy app. Parishes can be sorted by location or time of Mass. It is also a good idea to always check an individual parish's web site, to confirm there have not been any last minute changes. But this website/app is a great resource for Catholics on the road.



Liturgy of the Word

For next Sunday July 28th

First Reading – Genesis 18:20-32

In this passage, Abraham beseeches God to spare a very corrupt Sodom, even though there is little reason for doing so. Nevertheless, Abraham pushes God to extend mercy if there are just fifty good people in the city. Abraham then barter his way down. He moves from fifty to forty-five, then forty, then thirty, then twenty, then ten. His boldness and persistence are amazing. Finally, God agrees to save Sodom for only a handful of just people. Abraham is not afraid to ask God for what he wants. His example shows us that it is more important to be honest than polite in prayer. Abraham's boldness is not an indication of disrespect but of intimacy.

Responsorial – Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8

Second Reading – Colossians 2:12-14

Paul wants the Colossians who were baptized into Christ to understand how that experience has influenced their past and their present. Whatever past sins they may have committed have been erased. Baptism also provides a new present. Paul compares going under the waters of baptism to a burial. Because the Colossians have been so buried with Christ, they have also been raised up with Him. Now they are alive in Christ.

Gospel – Luke 11:1-13

In this Gospel selection, Luke has collected several sayings on prayer. The small parable of the neighbor at midnight clearly shows the importance of persistence in prayer. Although the neighbor may seem to represent us in prayer, the sleeping man is not a valid image of God. God does not need to be persuaded to help us. Repetition of our request is not to arouse God, but our need to ground ourselves in the confidence that God will help. Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer is substantially the same as Matthew's formulation, containing five of the six petitions of Matthew. All the petitions make the same request, calling on God to bring about the kingdom. Jesus, like Abraham and the neighbor spoke to God with boldness and persistence.

OLM Activities Calendar

Sun. 7/21		16 th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mon. 7/22		
Tue. 7/23		
Wed. 7/24		
Thu. 7/25		
Fri. 7/26		
Sat. 7/27		
Sun. 7/28		17 th Sunday of Ordinary Time

OLM PARISH PICNIC



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE OLM PARISH PICNIC.

1:00-4:00 PM SEPTEMBER 15TH

AT BLACKBROOK PARK

OLM Golf Tournament



The Fall OLM Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday October 12th, 2019 at the Farmstead G&C Club in Lafayette, NJ. Fees to participate are \$145 per Individual or \$560 per Foursome. Proceeds from the tournament go to assist Our Lady of Mercy Parish.

Registration deadline is October 1st. Contact Peter J. at 973-768-3639 to register.

100 Bible Verses Everyone Should Know

The next four verses from the "100 Bible Verses Everyone should Know" are about Praise: Worship and Thanksgiving.

#29. 1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

This verse can put an exclamation point to our lives. It's a verse of praise, of worship, of joy, and of victory based on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Saint Matthias



Matthias was selected to replace Judas as recorded in Acts. The other man who was also in consideration was named Joseph or Barsabas, and surnamed Justus. Lots were cast and eventually Matthias was chosen. Acts records the following, "And they prayed and said, 'You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.' And he was numbered with the eleven apostles." The Bible is sparse on additional details relating to Matthias, but it does say that Matthias was with Jesus since His Baptism until his Resurrection. Besides the book of Acts, Matthias isn't mentioned anywhere else in the Bible. According to historical sources Matthias lived till 80 A.D. and spread the gospel on the shores of the Caspian and Cappadocia.

Religious Formation Registration



Parents, if you have not already registered your child/children for the 2019-20 year, we would appreciate your doing so as soon as possible. Please mail or drop-off completed forms to the OLM Rectory by **July 31st at the latest**.

Copies of the forms can be found at the doors of the church. To request additional forms, please call the Rectory at 973-887-0050 or email us at olmrf@ourladyofmercyparish.com.

Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those in our parish and community who are ill, especially:

Michael Albano, Ann-Marie Andre, Patrick J. Asay, Jr, William Bulman, Emma Carothers, Giuseppa Casarrubea, Linda Ann Celeste, Paul Commerford, Pat Conforti, John Cordova, Marie Mackenzie Cunningham, Peter D'Alessio, Kip Dangler, Connor Davey, Peggy Doonan, Bob Flieger, Beverly Fresco, Arlene & Fred Gentile, Anita & Armando Geroldi, Elaine Gieger, Generoso Giesullo, Jimmy Hark, Nicholas Lacitignola, Anthony LaFerrara, John Lenox, Christine McGarry, Susan Nicoll, George Opar, Theresa Pentz, Marlou Perrin, Jean Marie Petrino, Colton Ford Petronaci, Michael Rado, Charles Realmonte, Bob Roberts, Agnes Ryan, Stella, Justin T., Belarmino Viegas

If you wish to have a loved one who is ill placed on our prayer list please call the rectory at 973-887-0050 and provide their name and your contact information. Names will remain on the list for 3-months after which time they will be removed, unless we are notified to retain them on the list.

Covenants

The Backbone of the Bible

We don't talk a lot about covenants today. But we should. They're one of the most important themes in the Bible because they act as the skeletons upon which the entire redemptive story is built. They're like the backbone of the Bible. From Genesis on, God enters into one formal relationship after another (i.e., covenants) with various humans in order to rescue his world. These divine-human relationships push that narrative forward until it reaches its climax in Jesus. Thus, to tell the story of God redeeming his people through Jesus is to tell the story of God's covenantal relationship with his people.

What is A Covenant?

A covenant is a chosen relationship or partnership in which two parties make binding promises to each other and work together to reach a common goal. They're often accompanied by oaths, signs, and ceremonies. Covenants contain defined obligations and commitments, but differ from a contract in that they are relational and personal.

By Whitney Woollard – April 2018

The Truth About Angels



As young children we learn that we have guardian angels that protect us from danger and urge us to do good. At Christmas, we hear about angels singing at Jesus' birth. Stories about angels visiting earth to help people resolve all sorts of sticky situations make up the plots of television programs, movies, books, and plays. The truth is that angels are immortal beings created by God with free will. Because they are spiritual creatures, they do not have bodies, although they may assume a human appearance when they visit people.

Angels were created before the world and its people. They are stronger and more powerful than people and have greater understanding and knowledge. Even so, some of them rebelled against God. St. Michael the Archangel put down a rebellion of angels and drove the bad angels from heaven (Revelation 12:7-9).

The word *angel* means "messenger," which describes one of their duties- they carry messages from God. Angels also praise God and do God's will in other ways. An angel announced the good news of Jesus' birth, followed by a song praising God and proclaiming peace (Luke 2:8-14). An angel appeared to St. Joseph in a dream telling him to flee to Egypt with Jesus and his mother (Matthew 2:13). When the grown-up Jesus prepared for his ministry by fasting in the desert and was tempted by the devil, angels came to take care of him (Matthew 4:11).

Guardian Angel Prayer

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard,
to rule and guide.*

Amen.

Thoughts from the Pastor

My Dear Friends,

Throughout the Bible we find the importance of music in the way the people of God worship the Lord. The people of Israel used to sing psalms as a continuing prayer during their daily journey. We find psalms which were sung to praise God and give thanks to Him for different occasions and reasons. Music and song continue to play a vital role in the life of God's people today. Outside the church, music is composed today for performance rather than for participation. We as a Church look at music in a different way. It is a way to communicate with God in a beautiful way and also to discover his presence in the beauty of the melody offered by the instruments and voices of the choirs and cantors.

A vital part of the music ministry should be encouraging a healthy and vibrant congregation to sing as one people together in deep faith and worship. Music is a gift of God and it is great to hear a wonderful piano piece or the organ for the traditional hymns. However, of all the musical instruments that may be employed in the praise of God, the human voice has priority. Other instruments are to be used primarily in the service of the singing of God's people. Without being judgmental or offensive I would say that singing is not an option for the people of God. It is part of the liturgy and a wonderful way to please the Lord as a family united in love and faith. We don't sing as if performing a concert. We sing as a ministry that belongs to all the people of God. The congregation is always the primary choir. The role of professional or volunteer choirs and musicians is to aid the whole people of God in their worship for the glory of God. It is important to know that the principal direction of congregational singing is to the Lord. Our music is made first of all to the Lord and only secondarily to each other; it should lead our thoughts toward God rather than toward ourselves.

Very often I find myself repeating in my mind songs that we sing in church together. I use

this as a prayer sometimes since I find it has more power and beauty than my own words. I take the songs and as I sing them mentally, I make them mine. During this exercise of prayer I can hear again the voice of our cantors and our choir. I can hear the beautiful way our organ and piano are played. I would like to thank our Music Ministry - those who play and those who sing in the Choir or as Cantors - for everything they do for our Parish Family. We all acknowledge how hard it is to be committed to a ministry that needs rehearsals, but also the courage to face a congregation during the performance of music. God has given you a beautiful talent and you are using it not only for His glory and praise, but also to help all of us to feel the presence of the Lord among us.

On behalf of the entire Parish Family I thank our Music Ministry and invite those who have the talent of singing not to be afraid to come forward and share with all of us your wonderful gift. Also, to all the volunteers and those who are involved in every ministry that we have at OLM, I express my gratitude. We are a small community in the number of parishioners and we do things in a simple and lovely way. However, we are huge in fraternity, love and participation. You all are very inspiring to me as your Pastor and when I see the way you serve the Church and the Lord, it fills my life with joy and energy to do the same. May God bless you all,

Fr. Roberto



*We sing for all the unsung saints,
That countless, nameless throng,
Who kept the faith and passed it on
With hope steadfast and strong.
Through all the daily griefs and joys
No chronicles record,
Forgetful of their lack of fame,
But mindful of their Lord.*

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